

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 985 - HB 1746

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines "anatomic pathology" to include histopathology, cytopathology, hematology, sub-cellular pathology, and blood-banking services and changes references of cytopathology services to anatomic pathology services in relation to authorized billing standards.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The health-related boards that regulate the health care providers who request or provide anatomic pathology services will be responsible for disciplinary actions against any violation of the provisions of the bill. Any cost for investigating complaints or additional hearings can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Division of Health-Related Boards had a positive balance of \$1,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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